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LB 809
LR 79, 82

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning as our chaplain of the day Reverend William Thornton of the Second Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Would you please rise for the invocation.

REVEREND THORNTON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Reverend Thornton, we appreciate that. Roll call, please.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any corrections to the Journal today?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, amendments to be printed to LB 809 by Senator Byars. LR 79 is now ready for your signature, Mr. President. That's all that I have. (See pages 1857-58 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We ready to move on to the resolutions, number 82.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 82, offered by Senators Pirsch and Lindsay, is found on page 1811 of the Journal. It asks the Legislature to commend and applaud the efforts of 120 students who participated in the Academic Decathlon.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pirsch, please.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, indeed, we do want to remember those 120 students from 20 schools who have put in a lot of effort and work in the competition called the Academic Decathlon. The idea for the Academic Decathlon came from Dr. Robert Peterson, Superintendent of the Orange County Schools in California. He wanted to develop a mechanism to motivate students at all grade levels to strive for academic excellence. In 1968 the first Academic Decathlon was held in Orange County. And in '79 the competition involved the entire State of California. In 1982 the competition became a national